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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Economic Analysis

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BE-185: Quarterly Survey of Financial Services Transactions Between U.S. Financial Services Providers and Foreign Persons

AGENCY: Bureau of Economic Analysis, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Reporting Requirements.

SUMMARY: By this Notice, the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), Department of Commerce, is informing the public that it is conducting the mandatory survey titled Quarterly Survey of Financial Services Transactions between U.S. Financial Services Providers and Foreign Persons (BE-185). This survey is authorized by the International Investment and Trade in Services Survey Act and by Section 5408 of the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

This Notice constitutes legal notification to all U.S. persons (defined below) who meet the reporting requirements set forth in this Notice that they must respond to, and comply with, the BE-185. Reports are due 45 days after the end of each fiscal quarter, except for the final quarter

of the U.S. person's fiscal year when reports must be filed within 90 days. This notice is being issued in conformance with the rule BEA issued in 2012 (77 FR 24373) establishing guidelines for collecting data on international trade in services and direct investment through notices, rather than through rulemaking. Additional information about BEA's collection of data on international trade in services and direct investment can be found in the 2012 rule, the International Investment and Trade in Services Survey Act (22 U.S.C. 3101 et seq.), and 15 C.F.R. part 801. Survey data on international trade in services and direct investment that are not collected pursuant to the 2012 rule are described separately in 15 C.F.R. part 801. The BE-185 survey form and instructions are available on the BEA Web site at www.bea.gov/ssb.

Definitions

(a) *Person* means any individual, branch, partnership, associated group, association, estate, trust, corporation, or other organization (whether or not organized under the laws of any State), and any government (including a foreign government, the U.S. Government, a State or local government, and any agency, corporation, financial institution, or other entity or instrumentality thereof, including a government-sponsored agency).

(b) *U.S. person* means any person resident in the United States or subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

(c) *United States*, when used in a geographic sense, means the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and all territories and possessions of the United States.

(d) *Foreign person* means any person resident outside the United States or subject to the jurisdiction of a country other than the United States.

Reporting

Who Must Report: (a) Reports are required from each U.S. person who had sales of covered financial services to foreign persons that exceeded \$20 million during the previous fiscal year, or are expected to exceed that amount during the current fiscal year; or had purchases of covered financial services from foreign persons that exceeded \$15 million during the previous fiscal year, or are expected to exceed that amount during the current fiscal year. Because the thresholds are applied separately to sales and purchases, the reporting requirements may apply only to sales, only to purchases, or to both sales and purchases.

(b) Entities required to report will be contacted individually by BEA. Entities not contacted by BEA have no reporting responsibilities.

What To Report: The survey collects information on transactions in the covered financial services between U.S. financial services providers and foreign persons.

How To Report: Reports can be filed using BEA's electronic reporting system at www.bea.gov/efile. Copies of the survey forms and instructions, which contain complete information on reporting procedures and definitions, can be downloaded from the BEA Web site given above. Form BE-185 inquiries can be made by phone to BEA at (202) 606-5588 or by sending an email to be185help@bea.gov.

When To Report: Reports are due to BEA 45 days after the end of each fiscal quarter, except for the final quarter of the reporter's fiscal year when reports must be filed within 90 days.

Paperwork Reduction Act Notice

This data collection has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act and assigned control number 0608-0065. An

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